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REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending. Claims 1 has been amended for clarity and to better define the claimed invention. Claims 2-7, 9-12 and 17-20 have been amended for consistency with claim 1.

Claims 8, 41 and 45-47 have been cancelled.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 13, 15, 17-19, 21, 22, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40-42, 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lintvedt (U.S. Pat. No. 5,143,294).

Claim 1, the only pending independent claim has been amended, inter alia, to state that the reservoir comprises a liner and an outer container wherein the liner is self-supporting. Lintvedt does not show a self-supporting liner. Thus, the rejection of claims under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lintvedt has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 20 and 43 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lintvedt et al. (US Pat No 5,143,294).

Claims 4-8, 11, 14, 23-27, 30-32, 35, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lintvedt et al. (US Pat No 5,143,294) in view of Joseph et al. (PCT Pub No. WO 98/32539)(hereinafter as Joseph et al. '39).

Claims 9, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lintvedt et al. (US Pat No 5,143,294) in view of Joseph et al. (PCT Pub No. WO 98/32539)(hereinafter as Joseph et al. '39) and further in view of Joseph et al. (PCT Pub No WO02/085533)(hereinafter as Joseph et al. '33).

Claims 16, 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lintvedt et al. (US Pat No 5,143,294) in view of Joseph et al. (PCT Pub No. WO 98/32539)(hereinafter as Joseph et al. '39) in further view of Petrie et al. (US Pat No 6,595,441).

Claims 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lintvedt et al. (US Pat No 5,143,294) in view of Joseph et al. (PCT Pub No. WO 98/32539) in further view of Holzner et al. (US Pat No 5,421,489).

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Claim 1, upon which all other claims depend, has been amended to state, inter alia, that the liner is self-supporting. As stated above, Lintvedt does not teach or suggest a liner that is self supporting. Claim 1 further recites that the reservoir has both a lid and cap member in fluid communication with the liner for the purpose of allowing the user to easily re-fill the reservoir without fully opening it. Neither Linveldt nor the other cited references teach or suggest such a feature.

Thus the rejection of claims under 35 USC § 103 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

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